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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, NG

SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S INTEREST IN C-130'S

REF: A) NIAMEY 2235 (NOTAL), B) HQ USAF DTG O520252
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1. DURING YOUR MEETING WITH FONMIN DJERMAKOYE MAY 18, YOU SHOULD PRESENT PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATA AS TRANSMITTED REF B. LEST GON HAVE ANY MISCONCEPTIONS CONCERNING USG ABILITY TO ASSIST IN FINANCING SALE, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT OUR FY 79 FMS FINANCING REQUEST HAS ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS AND THAT ANY REQUEST FOR GON COULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED DURING NORMAL FY 1980 BUDGET PREPARATION PROCESS, WHERE A REQUEST FOR NIGER WOULD FACE STIFF COMPETITION IN FACE OF OTHER PRIORITIES.

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2. AS YOU HAVE NOTED, MAY 29 IS AMERICAN HOLIDAY AND IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH CONCERNED US OFFICIALS AT THAT TIME. YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE DATES OF MAY 30, 31 OR JUNE 1 FOR HIS VISIT. DEPARTMENT WOULD OF COURSE BE PLEASED TO MEET FOREIGN MINISTER DJERMAKOYE, AND COULD USEFULLY BRIEF HIM ON END-USE AND NON-TRANSFERABILITY ASPECTS OF LAW GOVERNING FMS

SALES. DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY (DSAA) WOULD ALSO BE PLEASED TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH USAF OFFICIALS IF MINISTER HAS QUESTIONS CONCERNING FMS PROCESS, OR QUESTIONS ABOUT AIRCRAFT CAPABILITIES. (LATTER ASPECT COULD PERHAPS BE MORE PRODUCTIVELY DISCUSSED WITH NIGER AIR FORCE OFFICIALS, IF THEY SHOULD ACCOMPANY FONMIN. IF SUCH OFFICIALS WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS TRANSMITTED WITH P AND A DATA, SUCH A MEETING COULD BE HELPFUL IN ADVANCING WORK ON LOA.)

3. FYI. WHEN WE KNOW DJERMAKOYE'S SCHEDULE WE SHALL SEEK APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS. UNTIL THESE ARE FIRM, YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT AROUSE ANY EXPECTATIONS OF MEETINGS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS. IN PARTICULAR, YOU SHOULD NOT IMPLY THAT ANY MEETINGS ABOVE THE LEVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS WILL BE POSSIBLE. END FYI. VANCE

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